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*Lewis & Clark NF*



## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Caring for Land, Serving People

*by Dick Smith, Staff Officer, Land Management  
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**I**n February the Lewis & Clark National Forest will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Lewis & Clarke Forest Reserve by presidential proclamation, February 22, 1987.

Employees of the National Forest have invited the public to an open house Feb. 24, 1997, 3 to 6 p.m., at the Forest Supervisor's office, 1101 15th Street North, Great Falls, MT.

The Reserve included approximately three million acres in the Northern Rocky Mountains. Later, National Forests such as the Flathead, Kootenai and Missoula, were carved from the Lewis & Clarke Reserve.

In 1907 the Lewis & Clarke lost its "e" when Congress designated the "Forest Reserves" as "National Forests" and the Lewis & Clark National Forest emerged.

Meanwhile, to the east of the Rocky Mountains, other forested areas gradually were established as four small Forest Reserves: Little Belt Mountains, Highwood Mountains, Snowy Mountains and Little Rockies. They were consolidated by executive order July 2, 1908, to create the Jefferson NF.

The Lewis & Clark and Jefferson National Forests were merged by executive order, April 8, 1932, with headquarters in Great Falls. In the following sixty-four years, lands have been deleted and added to the National Forest. Today there are 1.8 million acres in the Lewis & Clark NF, spread throughout seven mountain ranges.

Throughout the centennial year, various events will celebrate 100 years of caring for the land serving people. Watch for the coming announcements.

### Calling Retirees, Former Employees Of Lewis & Clark National Forest

Staff of the Lewis & Clark National Forest are developing an invitation list of former employees and retirees for the Forest's Centennial celebration events.

If you formerly worked for the Lewis & Clark NF, please call or write Leah MacDonald, receptionist in the L&C SO, with your address. We would like to invite former employees and retirees to attend and participate in these 100th anniversary celebrations:

Lewis & Clark National Forest  
P. O. Box 869  
Great Falls, Montana 59403  
telephone (406) 791-7700



# 3-D Seismic Exploration Looking Into The Future, McKenzie RD, Custer NF

by Gary L. Foli, Zone Wildlife Biologist,  
McKenzie RD, Watford City, ND, Custer NF



## SCHLUMBERGER'S GIS COORDINATOR

Cameron Clark (left) working with Elmer Nordsven, McKenzie RD's seismic coordinator, on GIS-produced maps used in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Photo by Gary L. Foli

In a remote location in western North Dakota, an international company is going to great depths to explore our world.

Its a world 15,000 feet below the surface. The exploration is utilizing three dimension (3-D) technology to foresee deposits of a non-renewable resource.

No, this isn't a ride at Disney World. It is the real McCoy. The scientific results will greatly reduce wasteful exploration in the future.

3-D seismic exploration techniques originated offshore and then were used onshore in explorations in Texas' Horseshoe Atoll. Now 3-D seismic technology is being utilized in declining production areas in searching for multiple horizons in once-hidden sources of geologic complexities. It is helping us understand structurally complicated areas as we search for isolated, producing reservoirs. 3-D can also detect reservoir porosity better than a conventional seismic survey.

Proper design is critical in how the 3-D seismic survey relates to the function of the geology under study. For instance, fast rock has different needs from those of slow rock. Velocity profile accuracy is paramount in design-

ing a good 3-D seismic survey. It is important to know the subsurfaces and not just where the oil is.

If a 3-D subsurface study shows most of the same anomalies in the same place shown in a model developed from other available information, it is most likely the 3-D survey will prove a useful and valuable product. But information developed in a 3-D seismic survey is not a panacea, used just to locate targets. Rather, it provides information that can lower risks and permit more artful and more accurate interpretation of survey findings.

The Schlumberger Co., based in England, is working closely with the McKenzie Ranger District, Watford City, N.D., Custer National Forest, in implementing a 3-D seismic study of subsurface resources in the Little Missouri National Grasslands. The McKenzie RD team works closely with Schlumberger to minimize any environmental impacts on surface resources.

Schlumberger is using Global Positioning System (GPS) and Geographic Information System (GIS) technologies to weave archaeological, botanical, and wildlife survey information into on-the-ground changes. Greatly enhanced 3-D seismic imagery will help re-

duce the need for above-ground exploration in the future, by providing a better picture of where, and possibly, how much oil and gas there is down there.

Information is being processed into computer imagery. This will enable geologists to better and more accurately visually interpret oil-laden formations. If this partnership results in avoiding just one dry hole, it is clearly a significant conservation of economic resources, surface resources, and furthering effective and efficient multiple use and ecosystem management.

Cooperation - like the on-going work with Schlumberger - can help the McKenzie Ranger District complete such projects while avoiding surface impacts now and in the future.

## Trout In Streams Around Hungry Horse Reservoir No Longer Need To Jump

by Pat Van Eimeren, Fisheries Biologist,  
Flathead National Forest, Kalispell, MT.

Construction of Hungry Horse Dam and the associated roads along the reservoir were completed in 1953.

An inter-agency review by engineers and biologists, in 1995, found that along Road No. 38 culverts on five streams — Margaret, Riverside, Felix, Harris, and Logan — were blocking fish passages.

The culverts were too steep and undersized. This concentrated the stream flows and velocities, resulting in downcutting and blockage. Downcutting increases the height of the culvert lip, creating a greater height fish must jump to reach the culvert. Subsequent surveys revealed blockage on McInernie and Murray creeks due to downcutting.

Now, four decades later, westslope cutthroat and bull trout have been re-united with their upstream spawning habitat, thanks to tremendous inter-agency cooperation and coordination.

The recent award of a contract to replace culverts at Felix and Harris creeks was the culmination of many years of work by partners to benefit fish. Montana's Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Flathead Basin Commission and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, through their "Bring Back the Natives" program, contributed a total of \$369,000 over the last two years to replace culverts with open-bottom-arch pipes on five streams and install baffles on two streams. The Forest Service contributed \$253,000 to help complete the \$622,000 project.

Biologists estimate that the new fish passage will return 16% of stream habitat historically available to cutthroat trout in the South Fork Flathead River. This increases the return to the reservoir by an estimated 5,200 fish annually. Bull trout, well known for eating other



## FELIX CREEK CULVERT.

Photo by Osborne E. Casey

fish, will indirectly benefit as a result of increased forage in Hungry Horse reservoir.

The fish passage improvement program could not have been completed by any one of the cooperating agencies. It was the result of cooperation and coordination. Working together is resulting in rewards for both fish and folks.



# 3rd Annual Lecture Series

The Helena National Forest is hosting the 3rd annual winter lecture series, starting Tuesday, Jan. 28, at Helena's Myrna Loy Center.

The series, "Working and Living in the Wildland-Urban Interface," is sponsored by the Forest Service, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, the Tri-County Fire Working Group, and the Montana State Parks and the Wildlife Interpretive Association.

The lectures explore the historic and current role of fire in our communities and how we can live responsibly with fire. Admission is free. Tuesdays: Jan. 28, Feb. 11th and 25th at 7:00 p.m., Myrna Loy Center. Lectures qualify for continuing forestry education credits. For added details, telephone the Helena NF SO, (406) 449-5201.

## JANUARY 28: "TAKING A LOOK AT THE PAST TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE PRESENT"

Dan Kemmis, director, Center for the Rocky Mountain West; former Missoula Mayor and Speaker of the Montana House of Representatives. Jack Losensky, retired Forest Service fire ecologist. They will discuss the changing demographics of western communities, the challenges communities face with growth and development, and the past and current role of fire and how we might choose to live with it.

## FEBRUARY 11: "UNDERSTANDING THE FIRE CHALLENGE AND IMPLEMENTING SOLUTIONS"

Representatives from Wildland Protection Agencies, County Planning Departments and Commission, the real estate and insurance in-

dustry, and volunteer fire departments will discuss responsibilities and solutions to making the wildland-urban interface a safer environment.

## FEBRUARY 25: "MAKING YOUR HOME FIRE-SAFE IN A WILDLAND SETTING"

Join the Tri-County Fire Working Group as they present proven techniques and practices to make your home and surrounding land more resistant to wildfires. Those of us who build in the wildland/urban interface should expect wildland fire. Learn what your personal responsibilities are and how you can make your home safer in the wildland setting.



**COYOTE PRESCRIBED NATURAL FIRE**  
in the Gallatin NF.

Photo by Phil Perkins, National Park Service.

The Coyote Fire that burned over the boundaries of Yellowstone National Park (YNP) into the Gallatin NF sparked a landmark Prescribed Natural Fire (PNF) by being the first to be managed successfully across agency boundaries.

Started by lightning on June 26, the Coyote PNF was officially declared out on October 28, 1996. The fire was 4,263 acres: 2,614 acres in the Absaroka-Beartooth (AB) Wilderness in the Gallatin NF (GNF) and 1,669 acres in YNP.

"It was a really good fire, not only for the reintroduction of natural fire but for the agencies involved. We need to learn to work together like that," said Prescribed Natural Fire Manager Bill Clark from the National Interagency Fire Center, Boise, ID. GNF Fire Management Officer Bill Breedlove shared feelings of success in using an Interagency Prescribed Fire Management Team. "It worked out

## Gallatin NF, Yellowstone NP Manage Prescribed Natural Fire Across Boundaries

by Karin Mason, Fire Crew, Hebgen Lake RD,  
West Yellowstone, MT, Gallatin National Forest

well. It was excellent. Bottom line," reported Breedlove. "We finally implemented what we've been talking about for a number of years," referring to the Greater Yellowstone Area Interagency Fire Management Agreement.

The team originally consisted of five members ordered on August 28: Bill Clark; Bill Adams, operations section chief; Brian Adams, logistics section chief; Gladys Crabtree, time/cost unit leader; and Al King, prescribed fire behavior analyst. As needs increased, three more team members were called: Art Latterell, planning section chief; Alison Robb, resources unit leader; and Brad Cella, prescribed fire behavior analyst.

Once the team arrived, they worked at the site of the fire in the Hellroaring Drainage and at Mammoth Fire Cache with local GNF and YNP officials. "Bill (Breedlove) and I have worked together since he's been here. We have a good understanding of each other's fire policy and program. It was an easy decision on our (NPS) part and tougher on the Forest Service land," said YNP Fire Management Officer Phil Perkins.

Perkins, Breedlove and numerous other local personnel were involved in managing the

Coyote PNF before the management team was ordered, assisting the team for the duration of their stay, and managing the fire after the team was released (Sept. 15).

Information — such as weather trends, geographic and defensible areas, resource objectives and computer models — was utilized to come up with 100,000 acres of Maximum Manageable Area (MMA). The objective of this PNF was a statement that echoed almost word for word from everyone involved, "To introduce fire back into the ecosystem and let it play its natural role." The Coyote Fire achieved great success in doing this.

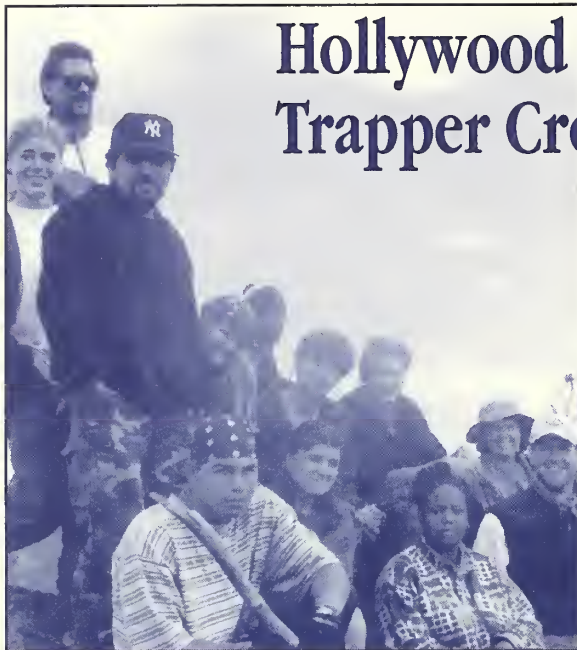
Kimberly Schlenker, staff assistant for wilderness and recreation on the GNF and fire information officer and wilderness specialist on the Coyote Fire, agreed that this mosaic burn pattern was definitely beneficial.

"We had to take advantage of what was turning out to be a really good PNF. It was my job to let folks know what was happening and how it affected their day-to-day lives. We wanted to turn the tide of negative reactions to the '88 fires," she said. Most people were surprisingly understanding about the closures established for the 100,000 acres of MMA. There were no reported injuries or accidents, and no structures were damaged.



# Hollywood Comes To Trapper Creek Job Corps Center

by Dan Gager, Wilderness Discovery Coordinator, Trapper Creek Job Corps Center, Darby, Montana, Bitterroot National Forest



**TRAPPER WILDERNESS TRIP:** (1st row, L to R) Luis Vasquez, Amy Livingston, Lawanda Hall, Dan Gager; (2nd row, L to R) Jennifer Jackson, Cesar Hernandez, Amy Hill, Asonti Hall, Aman Tice, Jason Clough; (last row) Mike Drusky. Photo by Dan Gager.

ters as a pilot study involving the Research Center, the U.S. Department of Labor and the Forest Service. Wilderness Discovery is now an integral part of Trapper Creek training.

"Wilderness Discovery is a capstone experience for Job Corps students and we need to show it that way on film," said PGP Vice President John Watkins after taking a tour of the Center with Center Director Jeannette

Price and members of her staff. In addition to filming WD, other Job Corps training was also included as part of the documentary. Mike Drusky served as the Center coordinator with the film crew. Working title for the Trapper Creek sequence was "Miracle At Trapper Creek."

Students handled the presence of the film crew very well. Students usually raved about how much they did not want to be filmed, but when they got in front of the camera they were miraculously transformed.

The wilderness trip, in the first week of September, had fantastic weather for most of the trip. On the final day, the students and film crew hiked out through three inches of new snow. It was an amazing trip, especially for the students. Students will hold it in their hearts, and on video for the rest of their lives.

The documentary was shown January 23, 1997.

A special "Thank You" is due to these Forest Service people who were intensely involved in the filming project: Jeannette Price, Center Director; Peggy Martz, Administrative Officer; Mike Drusky, Residential Living Director; Jim Loranger, Special Programs Coordinator; Cesar Hernandez, Dorm Supervisor; Jim Aronson, Special Use Coordinator; Steve Kelly, Forest Supervisor, Bitterroot NF. The Center and students also wish to express their heartfelt appreciation to Dan Gager, Wilderness Discovery Coordinator, for his excellent leadership and guidance in facilitating the Wilderness Trip.

**H**ollywood came to Trapper Creek last summer.

Planet Grande Pictures (PGP) was contracted by ABC to film a one-hour documentary about a wilderness experience program for Youth At Risk. PGP filmed Trapper Creek's seven-day backpacking program, Wilderness Discovery, (WD) that has operated at Trapper Creek for the past three summers.

Professor John Hendee, director of the University of Idaho Wilderness Research Center, founded the Wilderness Discovery program that has been operating at four Job Corps Cen-

## Tobacco Plains Heritage Tour

by Lynne Rosario, Interpretive Specialist,  
Rexford RD, Eureka Ranger Station, Eureka, MT.

**W**hen the last glacier retreated from the Tobacco Valley more than 18,000 years ago, it left behind a unique landscape attractive to wildlife and people. Herds of elk roamed freely and Colombian sharp-tailed grouse danced to the rhythm of the coming spring.

For centuries Native Americans camped here, dug bitterroots, and cultivated tobacco. Canadian explorer David Thompson passed through here in 1808, followed by other explorers, miners, ranchers, and homesteaders attracted to this scenic valley, first known as "the Big Village of the Sanka Indians."

Almost 200 years later the Tobacco Plains is still a haven for unique wildlife, plant life, and people. Now visitors have a handy, illustrated folder to guide them along the 21- and 8-mile loops to discover for themselves the beauty and history of the valley.

The tour starts from Eureka's Historic

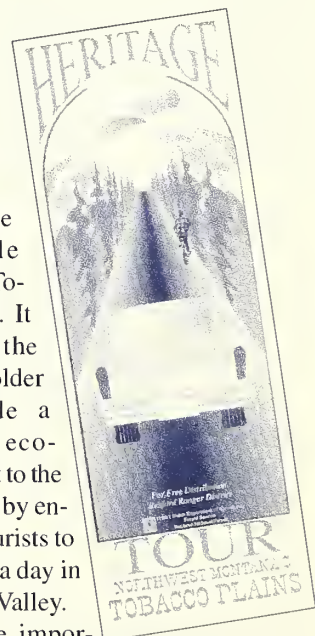
Village, once the site of one of the largest lumber mills in Montana, and heads north to the Canadian border, passing the valley's earliest settlement and providing views of the peculiar, streamlined, glacial-formed hills called drumlins.

Other highlights along the route include the Dancing Prairie, a Nature Conservancy site for protecting the last known nesting grounds of the Colombian sharp-tailed grouse; the Eureka cemetery where rests Sophie Morigeau, an adventurous woman entrepreneur who ran a pack string between Missoula, Montana and Fort Steele in Canada; and the handsome, huge Meadow Home Dairy Barn, built in 1924, which supplied milk to Eureka for more than 60 years.

Members of the community and the Tobacco Board of History worked together with the Forest Service to locate the best route and choose the most interesting sites

for a heritage auto/bicycle tour of the Tobacco Plains. It is expected the tour guide folder will provide a long-term economic benefit to the scenic valley by encouraging tourists to spend an extra day in the Tobacco Valley.

Even more important, the heritage tour and the guide folder have contributed to the development of a sense of pride among Tobacco Valley residents. For copies of the the illustrated Tobacco Plains Heritage Tour folder guide, telephone the Eureka (MT) Ranger Station: (406) 296-2536.





# Science Fair Winners Visit Air Quality Monitoring Sites

by Ann Acheson, Regional Air Program Manager,  
RO Fire, Aviation & Air



(Above) Nick Eriksson & Cicily Ryan on Science Fair visit to camera site on Sula Peak Lookout.

(Right) Janet Spencer, Janet Peak Lookout, explains monitoring equipment to students on visit to lookout.

Photos by Ann Acheson.



Each year the Forest Service sponsors student awards at the annual Montana State Science Fair in the categories of "Forest Service Related Engineering" and "Natural Resource Development and/or Management."

Winning students are given an opportunity to spend a day in the field with a Forest Service specialist working in an area related to the students' project. Winners this year were Cecily Ryan, (Missoula Sentinel High School) and Brian Chisholm (Missoula Big Sky High School), who co-authored a winning project on "Design and Construction of an Air Pollution Warning System with an Analysis of Pollution Trends Based on Historical and Meteorological Events."

Because the students' project related to air quality and air pollution, Cecily and Brian

were given an opportunity to spend a day learning what the Forest Service does in this resource area. Brian was unavailable due to college commitments but Cecily and a student friend, Nick Eriksson, spent the day visiting Forest Service monitoring sites in the Bitterroot valley with Ann Acheson, Regional air program manager, and Bob Hammer, part-time air quality specialist.

The day ended with a short slide presentation describing lake and lichen monitoring in the Selway-Bitterroot and Cabinet Mountains Wildernesses. All the monitoring supports the goal of protecting visibility, aquatic ecosystems and other air quality related values from adverse impacts due to human caused air pollution and/or reducing, when possible, wildland fire smoke impacts on communities.

Cecily said she didn't realize the different ways the Forest Service looked at and measured air pollution. She had "never thought of visibility as an aspect of air pollution control. I had only focused on the health part of air pollution".

## Nez Perce Employees Receive FS Awards

Cheryl Vanderburg, Public Affairs Officer, Lolo NF, presented awards to four employees of the Nez Perce Tribe at a September meeting of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee in Lapwai, Idaho. They were recognized for their contributions to the Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Project and the Western Montana Fair.

Vanderburg presented Forest Service awards to

- \* Allen Slickpoo, Tribal Cultural Resources.
- \* Arthur Taylor, member of the Nez Perce Tribal executive committee.
- \* Rudy Shebala, director of the Nez Perce Tribe's Young Horseman Program.
- \* Jessica Redheart, administrative assistant for the Tribe's Young Horseman Program.

Allen Pinkham, Forest Tribal Liaison, Clearwater NF, Orohno, Idaho, was also recognized for his contributions to the Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Project.

## Seeley Lake RD Preparing List of Mt Morrell Lookouts

by Jon Agner,  
Seeley Lake RD, Lolo NF

Seeley Lake (MT) RD is seeking the names and dates of past lookouts who served on the 75-year-old Mount Morrell Lookout.

Mount Morrell Lookout, seven air miles east of Seeley Lake, MT, was recently placed on the National Historic Registry. A formal dedication is planned for July. As part of the dedication, the Ranger District is preparing a complete list of those who have served on the lookout since 1921.

If you have stories, "local legends" or names of Mount Morrell personnel, telephone the Seeley Lake RD: (406/677-2233).



MORRELL LOOKOUT (1930)

The District plans to prepare a booklet of the names of the lookouts, dates of their service, legends and stories for the enjoyment of visitors to the lookout. There is one story about the Ranger who saddled up a pack train of mules to deliver supplies and mail to the duty lookout on Mount Morrell. The delighted lookout ran down the trail to meet the mule train bearing his "special delivery" mail order bride.





# Short Notes

**R-1 SKI TOURING TRAILS GUIDE, 1996-1997**, is available at Ranger Stations, SO and RO. The free, 14-page guide lists 1,219 kilometers of trails, organized by National Forests, with information about locations, restrictions, distances, and where to get additional information.

**4,083 MILES OF R-1 MARKED SNOWMOBILE TRAILS** are listed in the new, 19-page guide. Organized by National Forests, it includes names/location of trails, distances, restrictions and where to secure additional information.

**CLEARWATER RD, Nez Perce RD**, is studying ecosystem health issues in the South Fork of the Clearwater River corridor. Options for treating the area include methods for encouraging ponderosa pine regeneration, limiting expansion of root rot, reducing natural fuels, maintaining slope stability and water quality and maintaining the scenic character of the corridor. Sixty miles

of the river, from Kooskia to Elk City, are eligible for study and possible designation under the Wild & Scenic River Act.

**RESERVE LOOKOUT & CABIN RENTAL FOR NEXT SUMMER** on the Moose Creek/Selway RDs, Nez Perce NF. Lookout Butte Tower is available for rent from June 15 through Sept. 30. Meadow Creek Cabin, 15 miles up Meadow Creek trail with access by foot or stock, is available for rent from April 15 through Sept. 15. For details, telephone Fenn Ranger Station, (208) 926-4258.

**FISH CREEK CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAIL**, Clearwater RD, Nez Perce NF, is groomed twice a week: Mondays or Tuesdays and Thursdays or Fridays. Purchase Idaho Park-n-Ski stickers before departing for Fish Creek. For added details, telephone Clearwater Ranger Station (208) 983-1963.

**1.3 MILLION ACRES REFORESTED IN R-1 SINCE 1909**, reports Dr. Peter P. Laird, reforestation specialist, RO Forest & Rangeland Management.

**DEER LODGE RD OFFICE HAS MOVED** to a new address: 1 Hollenback Road, Deer Lodge, MT 59722. There is no

change in district's telephone numbers.

**TWO GRANTS TO IMPROVE/RESTORE ELK HABITAT:** The National Fish & Wildlife Foundation has awarded two grants totaling \$286,000 to improve and restore elk habitat on National Forest land in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and The National Center for Appropriate Technology to help irrigators conserve water and decrease costs.

**WESTSLOPE CUTTHROAT TROUT CONSERVATION COOPERATION:** The Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and the Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks are working on a long-term conservation plan for the native Montana trout. East of the Continental Divide, westslope cutthroat exist in just 10 percent of their original range.

**LONG RUNWAY AT MOOSE CREEK CLOSED:** The restriction was placed on the airstrip to protect the vegetative cover and running surface. Aircraft (including helicopters) cannot land, or drop or pick up any material, supplies or persons when the running surface of the strip is free of snow cover. The runway is open for ski landings only while the running surface of the strip is fully covered by snow.

## Birds Use Riparian Areas For Breeding and Nesting



by Josh Tewksbury, Project Coordinator for the Bitterroot Riparian Bird Project, Forestry Sciences Laboratory, Missoula, MT; Sallie Hejl, Research Wildlife Biologist, Forestry Sciences Laboratory, Missoula, MT; Tom Martin, Senior Scientist, Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, University of Montana/Missoula.

**R**iparian areas make up less than one percent of the landscape in the Western U.S., but 60 to 80 percent of birds in the Western U.S. breed primarily in riparian areas.

Steady increases in agricultural and urban development in and around riparian areas may decrease riparian habitat quality and cause declines in bird populations.

In the Bitterroot Riparian Bird Program, one of the many studies conducted as part of the Bitterroot Ecosystem Management Research Project, we are exploring the factors important to birds that rely on riparian areas. We are studying the nesting habits of birds on sixteen study sites in two habitats in the Darby RD, Bitterroot NF: valley bottom riparian areas largely surrounded by agricultural and urban areas, and foothill riparian areas surrounded by coniferous forests.

We are monitoring nests, banding individuals and analyzing habitat. There are large differences in bird communities between habitats.

Eighteen percent of species are most abundant in foothill sites and 38 percent are most abundant in valley bottom sites. Nesting data confirm that Brown-headed Cowbirds are parasitizing nests of many species, especially on valley bottom sites. Rates of nest parasitism were highest for Warbling Vireos and Yellow Warblers.

Although parasitism on Yellow Warblers is high, 95 percent of Yellow Warblers re-nested after nest failure, decreasing the effect of parasitism. By contrast, only 20 to 40 percent of parasitized American Redstarts re-nested after nesting failure.

American Redstarts and Swainson's Thrushes in foothill habitats have critically low nesting success. Warbling Vireos in foothill habitats and Song Sparrows in valley bottoms also have low nesting success. Preliminary data suggest that riparian sites within a few kilometers of agriculture may have high parasitism pressure.



Riparian Stands, like this aspen grove, provide nesting sites for Neotropical songbirds.  
Photo by Josh Tewksbury.



# Ecosystem Integration Is Ultimate Challenge

by Clinton E. Carlson, Project Leader, Bitterroot Ecosystem Management Research Project, Forestry Sciences Laboratory, Missoula, MT

**E**cosystem-based management requires a clear vision of what people need and want from the forest ecosystem, now and in the future.

Also, it requires a clear vision of how ecosystems work over long periods of time. Since human needs and desires will change over time, it is imperative that ecosystems be managed for resilience and be able to accommodate changes.

These tasks require integration of knowledge from many disciplines, over a variety of spatial and time scales. Ecosystem-based planning presents a challenge and it is more than a small challenge.

The recognition of relationships among resources at varying spatial scales is essential to integration. Two modeling tools ('Simpplle' and 'Magis') have captured many of the relationships conceptualized since the beginning of the Bitterroot Ecosystem Management/Research Project (BEM/RP) in 1993. Models, however, are only tools for depicting human thought. They can not possibly integrate what

is known about ecosystem process, structure and function, resource values and human needs and desires.

Ultimately questions concerning management must be resolved collaboratively by people willing to do the hard work of integrating concepts, evaluating model results, and weighting the interplay among resource values.

Last January a concerted effort was launched at the the BEM/RP's second workshop to do the hard work of integration. After the work group discussions, participants presented complex and thought-provoking responses. Participants recognized the complexity and importance of cross-disciplinary integrations. Responses indicate that a single study cannot investigate all the linkages among all resource values in an ecosystem. A "course filter approach" emerged as one way to deal with ecosystem complexity. Managing for a variety of stand sizes, ages and structures over large landscapes may give reasonable assurance that the



**BEM/RP ECOSYSTEM WORKSHOP GROUP** discusses ecosystem integration during a lunch break in the Bitterroot NF. Photo by Jane Kapler Smith.

habitat needs of the diverse flora and fauna will be met. Responses to the workgroup questions are being applied throughout the remainder of the BEM/RP. Collaborative integration will continue. It is an adaptive process that requires willingness to learn flexibility in thought and position.

The integration process causes the diverse specialists to consider their work in the context of a broad, ecosystem picture. Only from this process can a clear vision of sustainable forest ecosystems emerge—ecosystems managed for all inhabitants and all users, and managed for the future.



**THE HISTORICAL FENN RANGER STATION** on the Selway River is now home for both the Moose Creek and Selway RDs, Nez Perce National Forest.

Photo by Jill Baeurmeister.

## Selway & Moose Creek RDs Share Fenn Ranger Station

by Laura Smith, Public Affairs,  
Nez Perce National Forest, Grangeville, ID

Moose Creek District Ranger Jerry Bird says the recent relocation of the Moose Creek District office from Grangeville to the Fenn Ranger Station on the Selway River is just part of an

effort to do a better management job with a shrinking budget.

"This is not a consolidation of the two districts, nor is the Selway District being dissolved," Bird explained. "Moose Creek closed its Grangeville offices which had housed administrative services and office personnel. Some of the Moose Creek personnel and services were already at Fenn before the remainder of the personnel were relocated to the Fenn Ranger Station."

One thing that will change is that one ranger/staff representative will serve both districts. Technically that will be the Moose Creek ranger. The Moose Creek ranger will also assume the duties of the Nez Perce NF Wilderness Staff Officer, since the district is virtually all wilderness or provides wilderness access. Bird will serve in this capacity until the end of the year when a permanent ranger is named.

One advantage of the cooperative effort will be the management of forest resources without the unnatural interference of man-made boundaries. Bird concluded that the cooperative effort of the two districts will make for more efficient management and use of National Forest resources.

**T**wo Nez Perce NF ranger districts are sharing more than facilities in an effort to provide taxpayers with more efficient services and better resource management.



# Lands & Minerals Program Awards Announced for R-1

by Barbara Beckes, Program Coordinator,  
and Carol Maier, Supervisory Realty Specialist,  
RO Recreation, Minerals, Lands, Heritage, Wilderness.

**I**ndividuals were recognized for outstanding contributions to the Minerals and Geology Programs and the Real Estate Management Program in an awards presentation at the Minerals and Geology Technical meeting in Coeur d'Alene, ID, and at the Lands Program Officers meeting in Butte, Montana.

**LYNNE DICKMAN**, Hamilton, MT, Bitterroot and Idaho Panhandle National Forests, received the Minerals and Geology Director's Award for initiative and commitment in her work on the Bitterroot NF, and in her partnership with the Idaho Panhandle National Forests. The award recognized Lynne's leadership in working on several difficult and complex projects and her willingness to accept the opportunity to provide minerals and geology support to the Panhandle NF, despite the long travel distances required.

**GUY ADAMS**, Dillon, MT, Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF, received the Director's Award for Lands. The award was in recognition of his consistent, high-quality work and innovative leadership in administration of the lands programs for the recently consolidated Beaverhead and Deerlodge NFs.

## Special Achievement Awards

**DAVE TURNER**, Helena RD, Helena NF, received the 1996 Locatable Minerals Achievement Award for his commitment to resolving numerous complicated cases on the Helena District.

**TEAM AWARD** to **Carol Brown**, Billings, MT, Custer NF, **Greg Visconty**, Boise, ID, Boise NF (formerly of the Custer NF), and **Barbara Beasley**, Nebraska NF, for the 1996 Minerals & Geology Achievement Award, in recognition of their outstanding achievements in the paleontology program.

**ROBIN STRATHY**, Great Falls, MT, Lewis and Clark NF, received the Leasable Minerals Achievement Award in recognition

of her sustained effort on several controversial projects in the leasables program.

**BETH IHLE**, Townsend RD, Helena NF, received the Reclamation Program Achievement Award for her work in the abandoned mines program.

**SPECIAL CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** was presented to **Bill Straley**, Helena, MT, Helena NF, for his career contributions to the R-1 Minerals and Geology program.

## Lands Program Awards

**FOREST MORIN**, District Ranger, Grand River RD, Lemmon, S.D., received an award in recognition of his leadership and support for the land adjustment program.

**JIM SAUSER**, Libby, MT, Kootenai NF, received an award for his outstanding work and leadership in the special uses program.

**SIRI DIEBOLD**, Butte, MT, Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF, received an award for her consistent, outstanding performance and professionalism in the rights-of-way program.

**BOB ARTIS**, Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, Idaho Panhandle NFs, received an award for his outstanding work and dedication in the land adjustments program.

**A SPECIAL CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** was presented to **Mike Tanascu**, Missoula, Lolo NF, for his outstanding, long-term contributions to the Forest and Regional real estate management programs.



**SIRI DIEBOLD** received a special achievement award from Director John Drake for her consistent and outstanding work in the rights-of-way program. Photo by Scott Bixler



**JIM SAUSER** accepts a special achievement award from Director John Drake for outstanding work and leadership in the special uses program. Photo by Scott Bixler



**A SPECIAL CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** was presented to **Mike Tanascu**, Lolo NF, for his outstanding, long-term contributions to the real estate management programs. Photo by Scott Bixler.

**LYNNE DICKMAN** accepts the Director's Award from RMLHW Director John Drake. Photo by Barbara Beckes.



# Communications Awards To Two In R-1 for 1996

by Kathy Daugherty, Information Assistant, RO  
Public & Governmental Relations

Beth Horn, RO Director of Public & Governmental Relations, has announced that the 1996 P&GR Director's Excellence in Communication award has been presented to two recipients:

**A GROUP AWARD** to Coy Jemmett, Grangeville, ID, Supervisor of the Nez Perce NF; James L Caswell, Orofino, ID, Supervisor of the Clearwater NF; and David J. Wright, Coeur d'Alene, ID, Supervisor of the Idaho Panhandle National Forests, in recognition of their outstanding leadership in support of public involvement and communication during the North Idaho Forest Symposium and "Collaborative Learning" sessions

and

**TERRY EGENHOFF**, biologist, Superior RD, Lolo NF, in recognition of his efforts in public involvement on the Yellowstone Pipeline Project.

These are excellent examples of leadership in working with the community and other partners to achieve the key elements of the Forest Service Mission, Vision and Guiding Principles, Horn explained. "This award recognizes their innovative and outstanding efforts." Honorable mention in the nominees in the 1996 Excellence in Communication selections in the Northern Region included:

**RICHARD SMITH**, Plains, MT., Plains/Thompson Falls District Ranger, for his cooperative style of management that promotes sound resource ethics, resulting in outstanding contributions to the mission of the Forest Service.

**TED ANDERSEN**, Libby, MT, forester, Kootenai NF, for his exemplary leadership involving the various publics while carrying forward the Checkerboard Exchange between Plum Creek Timber Company and the Kootenai NF. He shepherded the development of the Environmental Impact Statement for the land exchange/access request for four years.

**DIANA ENRIGHT-BAWDEN**, Trout Creek, MT, public information technician, Kootenai NF, for her innovation and improvement in public communication methodology; promoting/facilitating communication in management decisions; achieving mission, vision and guiding principles; achieving R-1 goals and pathways; and involving the public in all aspects of Forest/District management.

## IPNFs Supervisor Receives Safety & Health Award; Caswell, Jemmett, Wright Share Public Involvement Award

Idaho Panhandle National Forests (IPNF) Supervisor David J. Wright recently received the Regional Forester's annual Safety & Health Award "for his outstanding safety and health support and leadership in the Northern Region."

Wright, Clearwater NF Supervisor Jim Caswell and Nez Perce NF Supervisor Coy Jemmett shared the Regional Forester's award for Excellence in Public Involvement.

The three supervisors were cited for initiating the two-day North Idaho Forests Symposium in Coeur d'Alene in January. It attracted approximately 350 individuals from a broad variety of backgrounds to discuss virtually all

aspects of forest health and management.

The Public Involvement award citation noted the three supervisors convened a joint, two-day "collaborative learning" session, following the symposium, for their National Forests' leadership teams. These National Forests are now developing a joint public involvement strategy that's intended to be consistent and more efficient than the previous single-Forest efforts.

Ann Baker, R-1 health and safety and manager, said the Idaho Panhandle National Forests has one of the best safety and health programs in the nation and has been identified for [its] leadership.



David Wright



Jim Caswell



Coy Jemmett

## Rodd Richardson Named Supervisor Flathead NF

Rodd Richardson was named supervisor of the 2.3-million-acre Flathead National Forest in November.

For the past four years, Richardson served as the Flathead's deputy Forest supervisor. He was named acting supervisor when Supervisor Joel D. Holtrop, 1990-1996, was assigned to the WO in August as deputy director of range management in the Forest Service's National headquarters.



Rodd Richardson

A native of Colorado, Richardson holds bachelor's and master's degrees in wildlife biology from Colorado State University. He served three years in the U.S. Army, including one year, 1967- 68, with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam.

He worked for the State of Colorado as a wildlife conservation officer before joining the Forest Service in 1978 as a range conservationist, Pleasant Grove RD, Uinta NF, Utah, and as a resource assistant for fire, range, wildlife and human resources programs, Spanish Fork RD, on the Uinta NF.

After serving on two ranger districts, 1985-1988, on the Targhee NF in Idaho, Richardson served four years as National Grizzly Bear Habitat Coordinator before he was named deputy Forest supervisor for the Flathead NF in Kalispell, MT in 1992.

## Bill Boettcher Director Cooperative Forestry & Forest Health Protection

William W. (Bill) Boettcher has been named the Northern Region's Director of Cooperative Forest & Forest Health Protection. He had been serving as acting director since April.

A veteran of 30 years with the Forest Service, Boettcher holds a forestry degree from Washington State University.

He began his Forest Service career on the Red Ives Ranger District, St. Joe NF, in 1966. Other assignments were on the Idaho Panhandle and Clearwater National Forests in Idaho, the Kootenai NF in Montana and the Fremont NF in Oregon. He has worked in the R-1 RO since 1991.





Walter J. Tomascak

## Walter J. Tomascak Retires: 35 Years of Federal Service

Walter J. Tomascak, fire use specialist, RO Air, Fire and Aviation, retired in January after 35 years of Federal service.

A native of Ladysmith, Wisconsin, Tomascak graduated from Robbinsdale (Minnesota) High School and holds a degree in forest management from the University of Minnesota. He served two years in the Army, 1963-1965.

His first job with the Forest Service was as a forester and later as district fire management officer on the Superior (Minnesota) National Forest. From 1972 to 1976 he served as a District fire management officer on the Stanislaus National Forest in California.

After a short assignment as environmental coordinator on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Coeur d'Alene, ID, he was promoted to fire management officer for the Custer National Forest, Billings, MT, in 1977.

Tomascak was named fire management officer for the Superior NF, Duluth, Minnesota, in 1979, and promoted to the Northern Region in 1981 as a fire planner in Air, Fire and Aviation.

From 1986 until his retirement, he was a fire use specialist in R-1 division of Air, Fire and Aviation.

Mr. and Mrs. Tomascak are the parents of two sons, Andy, now based in Germany, and Cory in Missoula. The Tomascaks will continue to make their home in Missoula.

## Jim Sanders Superior NF Supervisor

Jim Sanders has been named supervisor of the Superior NF. He reported to his new assignment in Duluth, Minnesota in November.

Sanders has been on the ecosystem management staff in the WO. His experience includes assignments on the Lewis & Clark, Gallatin and Clearwater National Forests in the Northern Region.

Sanders succeeds Kathleen McAllister as supervisor of the Superior NF. McAllister was named R-1 Deputy Regional Forester in July.



Jim Sanders



# Regional Leadership Team's 1996 Award Presentation

The Regional Leadership Team's award presentation in Missoula included Honor Awards:

**RICHARD A. SMITH**, district ranger, Plains/Thompson Falls (MT) RD, Lolo NF, received the Regional Forester's Honor Award for Personal & Professional Excellence, "in recognition of outstanding leadership and contributions to the Mission of the Forest Service and strong commitment to sound resource management"

**EAST ZONE TIMBER STAFF**, four Lolo NF employees: Timothy Love, Denis Malone, Jerald Miller and Boyd Gossard: Regional Forester's Honor Award for Resource Management Seeley Lake RD "set a standard of positive 'on-the-ground' working relationships and decisionmaking which resulted in greatly improved community relations."

**EXPANDED DISPATCH GROUP**, Clearwater NF: Regional Forester's Honor Award for Emergency Response. "In February 1996, your community was faced with the worst flooding that the area had seen in 25 years. Your group rose to the occasion and, within hours, established an operating command center. You are commended for your professionalism and positive attitude when providing much needed service to the community. You earned great respect and admiration for your team and the Forest Service as a whole." Kolleen Shelley, Lynnnann M. Anderson, Bridget A. Blom, Diane K. Brower, Victoria D. Brown, John R. Case, Eleanor Christiansen, Gary A. Cole, Douglas E. Gochnour, Linnea E. Keating, Robert E. Lippincott, Edward G. Lozar, Carl R. Lundgren, Barbara A. Rasmussen, Kollen K. Shelly, Kathleen S. Thompson, Stephen H. Thompson, Cheryl R. White, Edgard D. Furnish.

**CLEARWATER NF ENGINEERING SUPPORT GROUP**, Regional Forester's Honor Award for Emergency Response. During the February flooding, "All major travel routes...were cut off...major efforts were necessary to clear and/or reconstruct some roadways...Your efforts contributed to the success of the emergency operations, the safety and welfare of the residents of the area, and greatly improved community relations, as well as improving the public image of Federal employees."

Vernon A. Bretz, Anne H. Connor, LaMonte G. Joersz, John M. Kasza, Robert E. Littlejohn, Dean L. Roach, Norman G. Steadman, John D. Beck, Edward J. DiTunno, Richard C. Field, Robert E. Hargis, Laurence B. Oldham, Albert I. Stone, George White Eagle.

**ROAD MAINTENANCE GROUP**, Idaho Panhandle NFs, Regional Forester's Honor Award for Emergency Response. "Your group accepted the challenge of repairing the flood-damaged roads while complying with requirements such as the Clean Water Act. As a result of your efforts, resources have been enhanced, commerce has been sustained, and needs were responded to quickly." William Anderson, Linda Buck, Thomas Wilkinson, Robert Robbins, William Eaton, Jack Luts, David McKim.

**FORTINE (MT) RANGER DISTRICT GROUP**, Kootenai NF, Regional Forester's Honor Award for Management Effectiveness. "The District Group accepted the challenge to complete project level assessments (NFMA stage or planning) and analysis (NEPA stage) using the landscape assessment and management from an ecological approach...you did so within the constraints of budget and time and utilized new (IBM/615) technology...The Trego Project is an excellent example of carrying out the directions to complete landscape assessment and management from an ecological perspective." Jane P. Kollmeyer, Stephen F. Gauger, Robert G. Carlin, Guenter Heinz, Ed Ferruzzi, Ralph H. Gelderman, Nancy V. Anderson, William P. Widrig, Michael C. Liu, David B. Nesbitt, Scott A. Bates, Joleen E. Dunham, Donald J. Tincher, Bryce A. Bohn, Lynn M. Johnson, Richard C. Kerr, Blasdel A. Reardon, Marcella J. Butts, F. Jack Triepke, Sandra K. Mason, Junis K. Neuman, Geoffrey A. Vevera, Dellora Gauger, James E. Harrington, C. Christie Ferruzzi, John T. Hamilton, Katrina D. Hill, Angela M. Stafford, Kathleen J. Curtiss, Pamela J. Martin, Trini N. Garrison, Annjanette Bohn, John M. Muhlfield, Theora J. Schwegel, Janet P. Tincher, Tonee Burke, Toby C. Spribille, Rita M. Meester.



**BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST****Awards & Promotions**

GILBERT, ERNIE, supervisory forestry technician, Madison RD, QSI  
 MIZE, VONNA MAE, support services specialist, Madison RD, promotion  
 SAWYER, SHARON, procurement technician, SO, QSI  
 SCHOTT, LINDA, business management assistant, Madison RD, promotion to resource assistant, Madison RD

**BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST****Awards & Promotions**

FITZPATRICK, EILEEN, information receptionist, SO, performance award  
 HUGHES, MISSY, support services specialist, Trapper Creek JCC, promotion  
 LOVITT, PAULINE, secretary, SO, quality step increase  
 McBRIDE, KEN, soil scientist, SO, performance award

**New Employees**

FLOCH, MADELYN, teacher, Trapper Creek JCC, career-conditional appointment

**Resignations & Retirements**

THOMPSON, J. KIRK, civil engineer, SO, retired

**CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST****Awards & Promotions**

LUNDGREN, CARL (ROB), supervisory forestry technician, performance bonus, Pierce/Lochsa Fire Zone

**Reassignments & Transfers**

CAPURSO, JAMES, fish biologist, reassignment, R-6, Willamette NF to Powell RD

**Retirements**

BUTLER, EDWARD, civil engineer, SO  
 LUNDGREN, CARL (ROB), supervisory forestry technician, Pierce/Lochsa Fire Zone  
 WEST, JULIA, forestry technician, North Fork RD

**CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST****Awards & Promotions**

MUNOZ, MICHAEL A., rangeland management specialist, Ashland RD, performance award  
 MURFITT, VICKY L., forestry technician, SO, QSI

**Reassignments**

DAWSON, LARRY J., center director, Blackwell Job Corps Center, reassignment to district ranger, Medora RD  
 SMITH, BARBARA J., resource clerk OA, reassignment to procurement clerk, SO

**GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST****Awards & Promotions**

MARCHWICK, DONNA, Business Management Clerk, Bozeman RD, QSI  
 MARCERON, TERESA, Supervisory Forester, Inyo NF, SO, promotion, District Ranger, Livingston RD  
 STOWELL, LINDA, Business Management Clerk, Bozeman RD, QSI

**Reassignments & Transfers**

JOHNSON, DEBORAH, District Ranger, Wasatch-Cache NF, Logan RD, reassignment, District Ranger, Big Timber RD

**Resignations**

ENGLER, MARCUS, Range Technician, Bozeman RD, resignation

**IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FOREST****Awards & Promotions**

TYMRAK, VICKI, promotion, forestry technician, Bonners Ferry Ranger District.

**KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST****Awards & Promotions**

ARVIDSON, GEORGE, biological science technician, Three Rivers RD, performance award  
 TINCHER, DONALD, supervisory information resource manager, Fortine RD, quality step increase

**LOLO NATIONAL FOREST****Awards & Promotions**

VANDEWERKER, TED, budget & accounting analyst, SO, promotion, budget & accounting officer, SO.

**REGIONAL OFFICE****Awards & Promotions**

CLAAR, JAMES, wildlife bio, WWF&RP, promotion  
 ELDRIDGE, TIM, info asst, AFD, promotion  
 GOMEZ, MIGUEL, materials handler, AFD, promotion  
 PRITCHARD, JOYCE, office automation clerk, P&GR, promotion  
 RICHARDSON, RODD, forest supervisor, FHD, promotion  
 RUSS, BETTY DEE, training assistant, RMLH&W, promotion

## Bill Henness Retires: 25 Years of Federal Service

Bill Henness, Fire Management Officer, Helena (NIT) RD, Helena NF, retired in October after twenty-five years of Federal service.

Born in Whittier, CA, Henness graduated from Eldorado High School, Placerville, CA, and served two years in the U.S. Army. He attended California State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo, CA, and Chico State University, Chico, CA, graduating in 1965.

He did seasonal work as a firefighter, worked in fire prevention and as an engine operator, 1961-1966, on the Georgetown RD, Eldorado National Forest.

He received a career appointment in 1975 as a fire crew foreman and in 1977 was promoted to Assistant Fire Management officer in the Pacific Southwest Region and was promoted in 1979 to Fire Management Officer for the Judith RD, Lewis & Clark NF.

From 1988 to 1991 he served as Zone Fire Management Officer for the Sheridan and Madison Ranger Districts, Beaverhead National Forest.

He served as Fire Management Officer for the Helena RD, Helena NF, from 1991 until his retirement.

Mr. & Mrs. Henness are the parents of two children, Janel Canton, Butte, MT, and Steve Henness, Helena, MT.

Bill and Julie Henness will continue to make their home in Helena.

## Jay Gore Detailed To Serve As National Grizzly Coordinator

Jay Gore, threatened and endangered species program leader, Intermountain Station, Ogden, Utah, has been detailed to serve as the National Grizzly Bear Habitat Coordinator.

He assumed the post in December and will serve as coordinator on a three-month detail. The detail will involve considerable time in R-1, based in the RO Div. of Wildlife, Watershed, Fisheries and Rare Plants.

Gore holds a BS degree in wildlife management (1963) from South Dakota State University and a MS degree in wildlife management (1965) from the University of Maine. He has served as a Federal Law Enforcement Officer with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; was a senior waterfowl biologist with the Tennessee Fish & Game Commission; a biologist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and a threatened & endangered species biologist in the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in Boise.

He has served as chairperson of the Northwest Grizzly Bear Ecosystem Subcommittee and several years in the Forest Service's national headquarters in Washington, D.C. While in Washington, he



*Jay Gore*

worked on the "Owl Team", preparing the president's Northwest Forest Management Plan.

Gore has been involved with Endangered Species Act work in the Northern Rockies since 1978. He can be reached by telephone in the RO Wildlife, Watershed, Fisheries and Rare Plants office in Missoula: (406) 329-3561.



## Are You A Handicap To A Disabled Person?

by Terry C. Lee, Information Assistant, Accessibility Specialist, Special Emphasis Program Manager for People With Disabilities, Siskiyou National Forest, Grants Pass, Oregon.

**Take this little test to see whether you are a "handicap" to people with disabilities. Try to be as honest with yourself as you can.**

(1) Do you ever feel awkward in the presence of a person with a disability?

(2) Do you ever catch yourself treating persons with disabilities as less than "ordinary/norrmal" people?

(3) If a person with a disability were attending a social gathering, would you avoid that person?

(4) Would you pay the person with a disability extra special attention?

(5) If you just found out your new next door neighbors are disabled, would it bother you?

**If you honestly answered "yes" to any of the questions, think about why you did.**

But, for your own sake, DON'T feel terribly guilty. Given our backgrounds and our society, it's almost predictable that most of us would not feel totally open and free in our attitudes towards people with disabilities. But that's not to say we can't change or don't want to change.

**YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES CAN BE THEIR BIGGEST "HANDICAP"**

## Former Fire Management Officer Identifies "Into The Past" Photos

R. A. "Ace" Barton, Riggins, ID, correctly identified the "Into the Past" historical pictures in the September and October issues of THE NORTHERN REGION NEWS. Barton is former fire management officer for the Salmon Ranger District, White Bird, Idaho, Nez Perce NF.

Barton wrote that the Seven Devils Ranger Station (pictured in the September issue of THE NORTHERN REGION NEWS) was originally the "Lamont & Bridges" cow camp which was located approximately one-fourth mile east of the present guard station.

"John Lamont and Jim Bridges were local permittees who constructed the cabins. In 1920, William Deasy, the local ranger for the Salmon River RD, took over the cow camp

for a Ranger Station and it was withdrawn from the cattle and sheep allotment. When the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) punched a road up Pappose Creek in 1940, to the present Seven Devils administrative site, this (cow camp) was abandoned and burned in the 1940s.

"Cabins at the present site were moved in from abandoned lookouts at Slate Point, Seaburg and Swartz Meadows, 1958-1965.

"The CCC camp, pictured in the October issue of THE NORTHERN REGION NEWS, was at French Creek on the 'Old Idaho National Forest.' The camp was supplied by pack trains out of Riggins, ID, until the road was completed up the Salmon River. It was Camp F-109, Company 283 (1934-1939). It was abandoned and dismantled in 1943."

## INTO THE PAST

The picture in the December issue of THE NORTHERN REGION NEWS was the Savenac (MT) Ranger Station, Lolo NF, taken in the winter of 1910 by Elers Koch. Now, look at the picture below. Do you recognize this scene: Where?



When?



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